

Winchester/Frederick County Relocation Package



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INTRODUCTION

LONG & FOSTER/WEBBER & ASSOCIATES is a growing, vibrant real estate firm. Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is one of the largest offices in the Blue Ridge Association of Realtors area. We currently have a staff of 50 Associates. Among these are one Associate Broker, 5 Associates with the hard earned GRI (Graduate Realtors Institute) designation, one CRB (Certified Residential Broker) designation, 2 CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), 3 SRES (Senior Real Estate Specialist) and 6 ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative) designations. We also have 14 agents whom are multi-state licensed.

We are highly visible in the real estate community, having won virtually every award available from our Association. We have staff that has served on the local Association's Board of Directors and has held every office through the Association's presidency. Our sales staff has won Salesperson of the Year Award, Rookie of the Year Award, Realtor of the Year and Ethics Awards. In some of these categories, we have multiple winners. The agents of Long & Foster/Webber & Associates are community oriented. We work for the Chamber of Commerce, and act as volunteers in almost every charity, including raising money for Habitat for Humanity.

As a business entity, we are clearly leaders. Our relocation package is second to none. Our agents come from, and work with, all walks of life. We are highly trained and continue our education through weekly sessions. We have extensive backgrounds in relocation.

Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is located at 1001 Berryville Avenue. Berryville Avenue, which becomes Route 7 East, is among the heaviest traveled routes in the City of Winchester. We operate from a two thousand seven hundred square foot modern office building built and designed as a real estate office. Our one-story, ground level location makes our visibility and image second to none, and the ground floor, front door parking and handicapped accessed facility makes the convenience for our customers and clients unparalleled.

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF WINCHESTER AND FREDERICK COUNTY

The City of Winchester has a city manager and Frederick County has a county administrator. The city police department is made up of 71 officers, with the county sheriff's department being composed of an entire staff of around 100. The city fire department has 33 full time personnel, 3 part time personnel, and 130 volunteers, with county fire departments having 17 full time personnel and 285 volunteers.

VIRGINIA

There are 95 counties, 40 independent cities and 192 incorporated towns in Virginia. Information of Virginia government is available from the Virginia Municipal League, P.O. Box 12164, Richmond, VA 23241. Phone number is (804) 649-8471.

Driver's License:

New residents must take a driver's license examination within 60 days of establishing residence. The eye, road rules and road sign test is administered at a full service Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) branch offices. Call (866) 368-5463. The fee is \$10.00-\$21.00 for 3-7 years. The minimum age is 15 years and 6 months for a learner's permit with parental signature. Until age 19 all licensees must complete a behind the wheel test and classroom training. Those licensed previously from 18-19 must complete classroom training before obtaining a license in Virginia. Military personnel, and dependents living on base housing are permitted to drive with valid licenses from their home of record. Dependents living off base must obtain a Virginia license. However, if dependents living off base are here under military orders, they do not have to obtain a Virginia license.

State Motor Vehicle Taxes and Inspection:

The titling fee is \$10.00 per vehicle. You may also have to pay 3% sales and use tax based on the sale price of the vehicle, with a minimum charge of \$35.00 (only if not paid in another state, or if you are transferring here from a state with less than 3% sales tax). For passenger car up to two tons, the annual state registration fee for 1 year is \$30.50, or \$35.50 for vehicles over 4,000 lbs. An annual automobile inspection is required. The fee is \$10.00 for motor vehicles and \$5.00 for motorcycles.

Local Motor Vehicles Licenses:

Frederick County

All persons owning a motor vehicle with Virginia State license tags and residing within Frederick County must purchase a county motor vehicle decal. Decals must be renewed each year beginning January 2nd, and no later February 15th, to avoid penalty and possible citation or fine. If a State license tag is acquired after February 15th, the owner shall purchase a county decal 30 days from move-in date or date of purchase of vehicle. When you trade or sell a vehicle, please remove the valid decal from your windshield, preserve whatever you can and bring it, along with your new registration card, to the Frederick County Treasurer's Office to obtain a new decal, which is a transfer, within 30 days.

City of Winchester

All persons owning a motor vehicle with Virginia State license tags and residing within the City of Winchester must purchase a city motor vehicle decal. Decals must be renewed each year to avoid a penalty or possible fine. New residents must purchase a city decal within the first 30 days of their residency. When you trade or sell a vehicle, please remove the valid decal from your windshield, preserve whatever you can and bring it, along with your new registration card, to the Commissioner of the Revenue Office to obtain a new decal, which is a transfer, within 30 days of residency.

Firearm Registration:

Contact your State Police for information on restrictions and/or use and possession, which may be found under the conservation laws. Registration is not mandatory.

Voter Registration:

Call the local Voter Registrar. Winchester (540) 667-5857. Frederick County, (540) 662-8723, (540) 665-5660.

Boat Registration:

Under federal law, boats must be registered in the state of principal use. Virginia requires all boats propelled by machinery of any kind to be registered and numbered. Boats with a valid number from another state may be used on a temporary basis only. An annual personal property tax based on the original cost less depreciation is charged on boats in Virginia. See Taxes (Personal Property) for the cost per \$100.00.

TAXES

Real Estate Taxes:

Phone:

(540) 667-1815	Winchester	\$.69 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
	Downtown Mall	\$.72 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
	Perimeter of Mall	\$.58 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
(540) 665-5680	Frederick County	\$.52.5 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
(540) 869-2226	Middletown*	\$.06 ½ per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
(540) 869-3087	Stephens City**	\$.076 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
(540) 955-1314	Clarke County	\$.74 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
(540) 955-1099	Berryville**	\$.989 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
(540) 635-2651	Warren County	\$.79 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
(540) 635-7799	Front Royal*	\$.13 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment
(540) 459-3631	Shenandoah County	\$.68 per \$100.00 Assessment	100% Assessment

Personal Property Taxes:

Winchester	\$4.50 per \$100.00
Downtown Mall	VARIABLES
Perimeter of Mall	VARIABLES
Frederick County	\$4.20 per \$100.00
Middletown	\$1.25 per \$100.00
Stephens City	\$1.00 per \$100.00
Clarke County	\$4.00 per \$100.00
Berryville	\$1.00 per \$100.00
Warren County	\$3.15 per \$100.00
Front Royal	\$.60 per \$100.00
Shenandoah County	\$2.86 per \$100.00

Personal property includes all vehicles, aircraft, heavy construction machinery, office furniture and equipment.

The above tax schedule is subject to change by action of the appropriate government bodies at various times throughout the year. Call for an update.

- * Front Royal residents pay Front Royal Assessment plus Warren County Assessment
- ** Berryville residents pay Berryville Assessment plus Clarke County Assessment
- * Middletown residents pay Middletown Assessment plus Frederick County Assessment
- ** Stephens City residents pay Stephens City Assessment plus Frederick County Assessment

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1360 South Pleasant Valley Road 662-4118

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WINCHESTER-FREDERICK COUNTY

45 East Boscowan Street 665-0973

EMPLOYMENT

Virginia Employment Commission
22 West Picadilly Street 722-3415

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Fire, Police and Rescue Squad 911
WINCHESTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 662-4131
FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT 662-6168

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL

Winchester Medical Center
1840 Amherst Street 536-8000
Emergency Room 536-8700
Urgent Care Center
607 East Jubal Early Drive 536-2232
Physician Referral Service 536-8877

LICENSES

Division of Motor Vehicles
Route 11 South (866) 368-5463

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NEWSPAPERS

Northern Virginia Daily
14 West Boscowan Street 662-5868
The Winchester Star
2 North Kent Street 667-3200

POST OFFICE

340 North Pleasant Valley Road 545-7957

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Grafton School, Berryville 955-2400
Massanutten Military Academy, Woodstock (540) 459-3944
Powhatan School, Boyce 837-1009
Randolph Macon Academy, Front Royal (540) 636-5203
Timber Ridge School, Cross Junction 888-3456

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Handley Library	662-9041
Bowman Library	869-9000

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Frederick County Board Of Education 1415 Amherst Street	662-3888
Winchester City Board of Education 12 N. Washington Street	667-4253

TAX LISTING

Frederick County	665-5607
City of Winchester	667-5607

TELEPHONE

Verizon	(Residential Service)	954-6222
	(Business Service)	(800) 826-2355
Help Line		(800) 275-2355

TRANSPORTATION

Winchester Transit Bus Lines 301 East Cork Street	662-3982
Greyhound Bus Lines 622 Atwell Avenue	662-4161
Winchester Regional Airport	662-5786

TV CABLE

Adelphia Cable Communications 103 Stump Court, Stephens City	869-0969
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UTILITIES

City of Winchester Water and Sewer, City Hall	667-1815
Frederick County Water and Sewer, County Office Building	665-5600
Electricity, Allegheny Power	678-0604
Natural Gas, Shenandoah Gas Company	869-1111

VOTER REGISTRATION

City of Winchester 15 North Cameron Street	545-7910
Frederick County 107 North Kent Street	665-5650

WESTERN UNION

Mailboxes, Etc. 2180 South Loudon Street	662-3339
Martin's Food Market 1950 South Pleasant Valley Road	665-0908

WINCHESTER AREA CODE (540)

WINCHESTER PARKS & RECREATION 662-4946

FREDERICK COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION 665-5678

HEALTH

HEALTH CARE

Winchester Medical Center offers a full range of medical and surgical services for the residents in our tri-state area providing total health care. It is the only regional referral center within approximately 75 miles of Winchester. Other resources include 178 doctors, 47 dentists, 24 private and public clinics, 5 nursing homes and 7 adult rest homes.

As health care providers since the turn of the century, they maintain their founding ideal- to provide the highest quality health care with small town compassion. They call it “Excellence with a personal touch”. In support of their commitment to quality, they voluntarily submit to review of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The Commission has consistently awarded them full accreditation, recognition bestowed on only one out of four hospitals nationally.

Winchester Medical Center provides medical care regardless of income level. Their average patient charges are competitive with comparably sized hospitals throughout the state and nation. Their attending medical staff consists of more than 225 physicians. This medical community of practitioners is virtually all board certified, and represents all medical specialties.

Local Resources:	<u>Doctors</u>	<u>Dentists</u>	<u>Clinics</u>	<u>Nursing Homes</u>	<u>Adult Rest Homes</u>
Clarke Co.	4	4	--	1	1
Warren Co.	33	11	2	2	3
Page Co.	15	9	1	2	5
Shenandoah Co.	29	14	3	3	9
Winchester/Frederick	<u>178</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
Planning District	259	85	30	13	25

FACILITIES

- A 405 bed, 480,000 square foot acute care facility with all private rooms
- Helipad and 24-hour regional Emergency Room
- The Winchester Medical Office Building
- The Shenandoah Valley Cancer Center
- Outpatient Diagnostic Center
- Employee Child Care Center
- Urgent Care Center
- Adult Psychiatric Center
- Adolescent Treatment Center
- 250 seat Conference Center
- Valley Pharmacy
- Blue Ridge Hospice, Inc.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

LIFELINE: Recommended for the elderly, or those ill at home with no immediate supervision, Lifeline provides personal 24-hour contact with Winchester Medical Center's Emergency Room medical staff. Call 536-8158.

DIABETES EDUCATION: Free monthly classes are available for diabetics, their families and friends. Call Ann Pollard 665-5108.

FRESH START: Turn over a new leaf and stop smoking. Classes are held in four sessions during a two-week period. Free of charge, Fresh Start is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Call 536-8912.

WELLNESS SERVICES: Whether you want to lose a few inches, build endurance, manage your stress or simply live a healthier lifestyle, Valley Health System's Wellness Services has a program to meet your needs. Call 536-2240 for more information.

NUTRITION CLINIC: Meet one-on-one with a registered dietician who will tailor a dietary plan according to your particular needs. Call 536-8115 for more information, or 536-8988 to schedule an appointment.

PHYSICIAN REFERRAL SERVICE: Need help locating the right physician for your specific needs? Call Winchester Medical Center's free Physician Referral Service at 536-8877. Complimentary medical staff directories are also available.

STEPPIN' OUT: Join the free indoor walking program, co-sponsored with the Apple Blossom Mall, Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Sundays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Call Apple Blossom Mall 665-0203.

STROKE CLUB: Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for stroke patients and their families. Membership is free. Call 665-5184.

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASSES: Prenatal classes are available for expectant parents beginning their third trimester. Call 536-8768 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Breastfeeding classes and support groups are also available.

CHILD LIFE SERVICES: Preparation for children prior to hospitalization can alleviate needless stress for parents and children. Hospital tours for groups and families are also available. Call 536-8094 for more information about these free specialties.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Consider joining the volunteer forces. They'll help you select a rewarding position to best fit your skills and schedule. Call 536-8156.

SPECIALIZATIONS

- Angioplasty
- Audiology
- Cancer Cure (see Oncology)
- Cardiology
 - Cardiopulmonary Lab
 - Electrocardiography
 - Coronary Angioplasty
 - Cardiac Catherterization
 - Open Heart Surgery
 - Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Critical Care
- Dentistry
- Dermatology
- Detoxification (Drugs and Alcohol)
- Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiological Services
 - CT Scanning
 - Ultrasonography
 - Radioisotopes
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Family Practice
- General Surgery
- Gynecology
- Home Health
- Internal Medicine
- Litotripsy
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Medical Education
- Neurology
 - Neuro Special Care
 - Neurosurgery
 - Neuro/Stroke Rehabilitation
- Nuclear Medicine
- Nutrition Services
- Obstetrics/ Gynecology
- Occupational Therapy
- Oncology/ Hematology
 - Chemotherapy
 - Radiation Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- OPTIFAST Weight Control
- Oral Surgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Outpatient Surgery
- Pediatrics
- Pedodontics
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Plastic Surgery
- Premature and Well Baby Nurseries
- Psychiatry
- Recreational Therapy
- Rehabilitation
- Renal Dialysis
- Respiratory Therapy
- Rheumatology
- Speech Therapy
- Social Services
- Thoracic/ Cardiovascular Surgery
- Urology

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Main Hospital	536-8000
Admitting	536-8050
Pastoral Care	536-8181
Emergency	536-8700
Patient Information	536-8155
Physician Referral	536-8877

Other major facilities in the area include the Newton D. Baker Veterans Hospital, located in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Its facilities consist of 377 beds, plus 120 Nursing beds and 520 domiciliary beds, is within 20 minutes of Winchester. The Northwestern Mental Health Services, a mental health clinic for children and adults, is operated under the Mental Health and Retardation Division of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Warren Memorial Hospital, Front Royal, has an active medical staff of 40, 111 general medical beds and 40 nursing home beds. Page Memorial Hospital, Luray, has an active medical staff of 24 doctors with 99 acute care and 34 long-term care beds.

Included in the benefits of living near a major metropolitan area is easy access to some of the most comprehensive medical care facilities in the country. In Washington, D.C. some of the nation's best pediatric physicians are on the staff of the Children's Hospital National Medical Center. Georgetown and George Washington University, among others, are staffed by leading specialist in all fields of medicine and research. Emergency airlift is available by Pegasus, the University of Virginia Medical Center's emergency transport helicopter, based in Charlottesville.

CLIMATE

Frederick County enjoys four distinctly beautiful seasons, with people from surrounding metropolitan areas flocking to view breathtaking displays of fall foliage and spring blossoms. Temperature averages 55 degrees, with January averaging 33.6 degrees and the July temperature averaging a pleasant 76.0 degrees. Average annual rainfall is 36.67 inches and snowfall is 25 inches.

A terrain rich in variety adds to the beauty of the area. In the eastern portion of the county, the mostly urban area is relatively level with some rolling grazing lands. Apple and peach orchards occupy most of the central portion of the county. West of Little North Mountain, the lands are more mountainous. There is some farming in the valleys between the mountains. The highest point in the county is 2,615 feet and the lowest point is 500 feet.

WARDROBE

A four-season wardrobe is required in the Frederick County- City of Winchester area even though the climate is moderate.

SPRING AND FALL: Suits, dresses, skirts, slacks in medium weight fabrics; an outercoat, jacket or raincoat and umbrella for cool or rainy days.

SUMMER: Cottons, linens, synthetic blends; sweater, jacket, raincoat, or umbrella sometimes required.

WINTER: Wool suites, dresses, slacks and overcoats; boots, gloves, hats for cool or snowy days.

TEMPORARY LODGING

TEMPORARY HOUSING

Because of a higher ratio of homeowners in this area than in most parts of the county, there are very few rental houses or temporary lodging options. For your convenience, information on area motels has been indulged. For longer-term temporary housing please call your Long & Foster/ Webber & Associates, Realtors, associate at (540) 662-3484.

BEST WESTERN LEE-JACKSON (124 rooms) At I-81, EXIT 313 b, ON us 50, 522 & 17 (Millwood Avenue). Toll Free Res. (800) 528-1234. Tel. (540) 662-4154. Pool, A/C, color TV, HBO, CNN, ESPN. Pets. Banquet and meeting facilities. Major credit cards. 11 suites.

BROOKFILED CORPORATE APARTMENTS Fully furnishes, all amenities, monthly rates, 548 Brookfield Drive, Winchester- (540) 722-3509- Contact Lee Lizer.

CANDLEWOOD SUITES – WINCHESTER 1135 Millwood Pike Tel. (540) 667-8323.

COMFORT INN - STEPHEN CITY – WINCHESTER (60 rooms) Stephen City Exit, Interstate 81 – 8 miles south of Winchester. Tel. (540) 869-6500. Pool, cable TV, A/C, AAA & AARP rated.

DAYS INN (84 rooms) Interstate 81 and US 11, exit 317, north of Winchester. Tel. (540) 667-1200. Pool, Cable TV, A/C, AAA rated. No pets.

ECHO VILLAGE MOTEL (66 rooms) On US 11, ½ mile north of exit 310, I-81. Tel. (540) 869-1900. A/C, TV, Pets. Convenient to downtown area, interstate. Restaurant adjacent.

EXECUTIVE SUITES, LTD. (20 efficiencies) 2971 Valley Avenue, Winchester, VA. Tel. (540) 667-4789. Fully furnished, all utilities included, weekly maid service, 1 week to 1 year. Direct phones, cable TV, A/C, laundry service.

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES 250 Front Royal Pike, Winchester, VA 22601 ----540-665-8881.

HAMPTON INN (103 rooms) At I-81, Exit 313B, 1655 Apple Blossom Drive, Winchester, VA. Tel. (540) 667-8011 or 1-800-HAMPTON. Pool, non-smoking rooms, kids stay free, free local calls, computer modem jack, free continental breakfast, free in-room movies, hospitality suite, meeting facility.

HOLIDAY INN EAST (175) I-81 exit 313A, on US 50 East. Toll Free Reservations (800) HOLIDAY. Tel. (540) 667-3300. Pool, A/C, Cable/Showtime/Satellite TV. Pets. Convenient to downtown, near shopping and restaurants. Major Credit cards.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS I-81 exit 307, 165 Town Run Lane, Stephens City, VA (540) 869-0909. Fitness Room, pool, whirlpool suites, hospitality suite/meeting room, corporate rates, executive suites. Cable/Free HBO and Cinemax.

QUALITY INN EAST (100 rooms) At I-81 exit 313A on US 50, 522 & 17 at 603 Millwood Avenue. Across from Shenandoah University. Toll Free Res. (800) 221-2222. Tel. (540) 667-2250. Pool, A/C, Color cable TV with HBO. Pets with charge. Children 16 and under stay free, senior citizen discount. Major credit cards.

SHONEY'S INN (99 rooms) I-81 exit 315, Berryville Avenue, Route 7. Toll Free (800) 222-2222 and Tel. (540) 665-1700. Indoor heated pool, A/C, Color TV with cable. Private exercise facility and sauna. Rooms for non-smokers and for physically disabled, connecting rooms. Suites, commercial and group rates. Major credit cards.

SLEEP INN 140 Costello Drive, Winchester, VA 22601 -----540-667-5060/540-667-7636.

TRAVELODGE (149 rooms) I-81 exit 313A, 160 Front Royal Pike, Toll free (800) 255-3050 or Tel. (540) 665-0685. Family rates, heated pool, courtesy coffee, adjacent restaurant, most major credit cards accepted. (8) Efficiencies. Pets allowed. Laundry facilities on premises, meeting and banquet facilities.

WAYSIDE INN Since 1797. Historic, elegant, country inn. Antique appointed rooms with private baths. 7783 Main Street, Middletown VA. (540) 869-1797.

POPULATION

Winchester-Frederick Co.: 67,670 (1990)
 82,794 (2000)
 92,883 (2005 Estimate)
 102,460 (2010 Projection)

Median Age: 37.2

30 mile radius: 404,990 (1990)
 471,528 (2000)
 522,419 (2005 Estimate)
 571,121 (2010 Projection)

Median Age: 38.2

Category	# All Ages	% All Ages
Total population	92,883	100.00%
White	84,785	91.3%
Black	4,386	4.7%
American Indian or Alaska Native	153	.2%
Asian	874	.9%
Some other Race	1,346	1.5%
Two or more Races	1,338	1.4%
Hispanic Ethnicity	4,482	4.8%

CHURCHES

Churches representing 37 different denominations serve the community, including Catholic, Jewish, Quaker, Greek Orthodox, Mormon, and Protestant.

TRANSPORTATION

DISTANCES TO MAJOR CITIES	<u>CITY</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>AVG.DRIVING TIME (HOURS)*</u>	<u>AVG.FLIGHT TIME (HOURS)</u>
From	Atlanta, GA	608	15	1 hr. 40 min.
Washington, DC	Baltimore, MD	46	1	20 min.
	Boston, MA	439	9	1 hr. 10 min.
	Charlotte, NC	386	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 hr. 10 min.
	Dallas, TX	1319	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 hr.
	Los Angeles, CA	2631	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 hr.
	Miami, FL	1075	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 hr. 20 min.
	New York, NY	233	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 hr.
	Philadelphia, PA	133	3	35 min.
	Richmond, VA	116	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 min.

* Based upon average driving speed of 55 mph.

SOURCE: Official Airline Guide and Rand McNally Road Atlas.

RIDESHARING PROGRAM

For those people in Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah and Warren Counties and the City of Winchester who commute, TRIP can make a difference. A ridesharing program implemented by the Lord Fairfax Planning District Commission, TRIP serves those who commute long distances to work. A concept, which matches people and vehicles, TRIP can save thousands of commuter dollars per year. For answers to questions, or to sign up for this service, call (540) 635-4146 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or write TRIP, 103 East Sixth Street, Front Royal, Virginia 22630.

PORT SERVICE

Port Service is provided by the Virginia Inland Port, 15 miles south of Winchester in Warren County on Route 522/340 just 1.5 miles North of the I-66 interchange. This innovative facility provides transfer of ocean-going cargo.

BUS SERVICE

Greyhound Bus Lines provides interstate service; three buses daily to Washington; three buses from Los Angeles, Dallas, and Roanoke. Winchester Public Transit serves several arterials in the City of Winchester.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SERVICE

Air-Freight, Federal Express, FLEX PAK, Greyhound, Packages Plus, Purolator Courier, Rite Aid Express, United Parcel Service, and Roadway Package Service all provide service and all have terminals in Winchester-Frederick County.

HIGHWAYS SERVING THE AREA

Interstates 81 and 66; U.S. Routes 11, 17, 50, 340, and 522; State Routes 7, 37, 42, 55, 263 and 277.

AIR SERVICE

WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

Located in Alexandria, Virginia, 3 1/2 miles from downtown D.C. on the Virginia side of the Potomac, 80 miles East of Winchester. National Airport is centrally located and easy to reach. It is a major domestic airport. National handles domestic traffic only, but a shuttle connects with international flights into and out of Dulles. Call the airlines for flight information.

DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Approximately 25 miles from downtown D.C., Dulles is easily reached via the Dulles access road off the Beltway (495) in Fairfax County, Virginia. Excellent ground transportation is available from National Airport and throughout the area. Mainly an international airport, Dulles has a limited number of domestic flights. Call the airlines for flight information.

BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BWI)

Serving both the Washington and Baltimore Metro areas, BWI is located in Maryland 20 miles from the downtown Washington area.

WINCHESTER REGIONAL AIRPORT – 540- 662-5786

The Winchester Regional Airport serves Winchester-Frederick County. Winchester Regional Airport offers a 5,500' runway, a modern terminal with weather service, and U.S. Customs service. VOR/DME/ILS (3,2) instrumentation is in place providing operational approach minimal of 257½ mile ceiling and one mile visibility. Jet A and 100 LL fuel is available. Aircraft rentals and flight training are available. Limousine and automobile rental are also available.

Airports:	<u>Paved Runway</u>	<u>Runway Lighting</u>	<u>Instrument Approach</u>
Front Royal - Warren County	3,019' x 50'	LIRL	NONE
Luray Caverns Airport	3,500' x 60'	LIRL	Non-precision
New Market Airport	3,000' x 60'	LIRL	Non-precision
Winchester Regional Airport	5,500' x 100'	MIRL	ILS (3 2)

AIR CARGO FACILITIES

The Washington Dulles World Cargo Center is the largest cargo hub in the Mid Atlantic. Its cargo capacity tripled in June 1993, adding 281,000 sq. ft. of state of the art building space with 50 truck docks, and 430,000 sq. ft. of aircraft parking apron. Over 90 forwarders and service companies provide air cargo service from the Washington Dulles World Cargo Center, which includes a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ #137) and Customs service 24 hours a day. More information: Cargo Directory, Washington Airports Task Force, P. O. Box 17349, Washington, DC 20041. Winchester Regional Airport provides cargo service limited to the size of aircraft that can be accommodated by the runway.

SHOPPING

From the revitalized Winchester shopping district, to the area's many shopping malls, Frederick County offers a fine selection of stores and shops. Old Town Winchester retains the feeling of "Main Street" with its restaurants, clothing stores and service-oriented businesses. An enclosed mall provides access to national retailers and serves as a backdrop for special exhibits and performances. Individual shopping centers offer a great selection of discount stores, supermarkets, and specialty shops. Listed below are several major shopping areas:

APPLE BLOSSOM MALL - 90 stores, 1 branch bank, 1 cinema

OLD TOWNE WINCHESTER - Over 200 fine restaurants and specialty shops and banks. Downtown Winchester.

BURKE PLAZA – 8 Shops and service.

APPLE BLOSSOM CONVENIENCE CENTER – 5 stores, 1 cinema, 1 branch bank, 5 restaurants and Urgent Care Center. Jubal Early Drive.

APPLE VALLEY SQUARE - 13 stores, including a fitness center, food store, pharmacy, and two fast food stores. Berryville Avenue, Route 7.

CREEKSIDE VILLAGE - Shops and 1 restaurant, Valley Avenue.

DELCO PLAZA - 12 stores, restaurants. Route 50 East.

WARD PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER - 17 stores, 3 branch banks, 1 ABC store. Valley Avenue.

PINEVILLE PLAZA - 24 stores. Wilson Boulevard and Weems Lane.

PLEASANT VALLEY STORES – 10 stores.

NORTHSIDE STATION - 9 stores, and 1 restaurant. Route 11 North.

APPLE BLOSSOM CORNERS - 1 bank, 13 stores, and 3 restaurants. Pleasant Valley Road.

SUNNYSIDE PLAZA - 12 stores, 1 restaurant, 1 ABC store. Route 522 North.

JAMESWAY PLAZA - 14 stores, 1 restaurant and 1 branch bank. Route 277, Stephens City.

SOUTH PARK - 1 branch bank, 5 stores. Valley Avenue.

Several other fine retail stores are located throughout Frederick County.

SCHOOLS

Two new schools were opened in 1992 (one middle school; one high school and a new elementary school was opened in 1996). Student: Teacher ratio is 20 to one. TAP achievement scores in reading, math, and science are well above the USA-wide 50th percentile (59 to 76) and rank among the top 3% of Virginia school systems. 75% of graduates continue their education. SAT scores of college bound students have risen in the past few years. A strong business oriented program by the Chamber of Commerce Business Education Council helps students and employers match skill to area business requirements.

Frederick County is served by two public school systems. Both county and Winchester City schools place high in statewide comparisons of academic achievement, per-pupil expenditures and pupil-teacher ratio.

FREDERICK COUNTY

Approximately 10,940 students attend county public schools. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredit all schools. The school district contains 10 elementary, 3 middle, 2 high, 1 vocational and 1 special education schools. For additional information or enrollment call the Office of Pupil Personnel Service (662-3888).

For additional information call:

COUNTY OF FREDERICK

Apple Pie Ridge Elementary School	349 Apple Pie Ridge Road, 22604	540-662-4781
Armel Elementary School	2239 Front Royal Pike, 22603	540-869-1657
Bass-Hoover Elementary School	471 Aylor Road, Stephens City 22655	540-869-4700
Evandale Elementary School	220 Rosa Lane, Winchester, 22602	540-662-0531
Gainsboro Elementary School	5629 North Frederick Pike, 22603	540-888-4550
Indian Hollow Elementary School	1548 North Hayfield Road, 22603	540-877-2283
Middletown Elementary School	190 Mustang Ln, Middletown, 22645	540-869-4615
Orchard View Elementary School	4275 Middle Rd., Winchester, 22601	540-869-8642
Red Bud Elementary School	250 First Woods Drive	540-678-1868
Senseny Road Elementary School	1481 Senseny Road, 22602	540-667-7863
Stonewall Elementary School	3165 Martinsburg Pike, Clearbrook	540-662-2289
Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle	134 Rosa Lane, Winchester	540-662-0500
Frederick County Middle School	441 Linden Drive, 22601	540-667-4233
James Wood Middle School	1313 Amherst Street, 22601	540-667-7500
Robert E. Aylor Middle School	901 Aylor Road, Stephens City, 22655	540-869-3736
Millbrook High School	251 First Woods Drive, Winchester	540-545-2800
James Wood High School	161 Apple Pie Ridge Road, 22603	540-667-5226
Sherando High School	185 S. Warrior Drive, Stephens City	540-869-0060

Dowell J. Howard Vocational - Technical Center 156 Dowell J. Circle 22602-540-662-8997
Dowell J. Howard provides vocational-technical programs to both youth and adults and serves Winchester, Frederick & Clarke Counties.

Our community's industry-oriented "Two plus Two" program trains technicians for computers and printing. The program includes two years each at Dowell J. Howard Vocational Technical Center and Lord Fairfax Community College.

CITY OF WINCHESTER

The Winchester school system serves the city with a variety of programs in the six schools with over 3,350 children enrolled and 280 teachers. Privately endowed John Handley High School houses high academic expectations in beautiful Jeffersonian architecture and a spacious college-like campus. The Daniel Morgan Middle School is of modified open space design and houses grades 6-8. Four elementary schools serve children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Many students in the Winchester district pursue higher education with 78% of high school graduates going on to higher education or post-secondary training.

For additional information call:

School Board Office	540-667-4253
Frederick Douglas Elementary School	540-662-7656
John Kerr Elementary School	540-662-3945
Quarles Elementary School	540-662-3575
Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart Elementary School	540-662-3330
Daniel Morgan Middle	540-667-7171
John Handley High School	540-662-3471
Northwestern Regional Educational Program (N-REP)	540-665-0103

COUNTY AND CITY ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Registration is held in early August for all new students in both school systems. New and transferring students should enroll as soon as possible. For information on school zones call the Frederick County Assistant Superintendent at 662-3888, and for Winchester City school questions call 667-4253. First time public enrollees need a birth certificate. Transferring students also need a record of transfer from the last school they attended. Report cards and other records are helpful in correctly placing the student.

The State of Virginia requires all children who are 5 years old on or before September 30, to attend a public, private or parochial school. Counseling is available for parents who wish to enroll a child who will reach the age of 5 after September 30 and on or before December 31. All children under the age of 17 are also required by law to attend school. Under certain circumstances kindergarten attendance is not mandatory, but the Office of the Division Superintendent must be notified.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Kindergarten and students grades K-7 who are entering the school systems must by law produce proof of a physical examination within the prior 12-month period. Students entering both the Frederick County and Winchester City school systems, grades K-12 must also produce records of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, rubella (German measles), rubeola (measles) and mumps.

PRIVATE FACILITIES

Numerous private facilities, including schools for autism and other learning disabilities are available. Ample opportunities exist for continuing education in the arts and sciences at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, at Virginia public institutions and at private Universities.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Grafton (provides special programs for autism and mental retardation, Berryville & Winchester

Keystone Christian Academy, Berryville, K-12

Powhatan School, Boyce, K-8

Rosedale Christian Academy, K-12

Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy, Stephens City, K-12

Sacred Heart Academy, K-8

Timber Ridge School, Cross Junction, offers individualized programs for troubled children, 11-17 years of age. Can award HS diploma.

PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SERVING PLANNING DISTRICT:

Grafton (special education), Keystone Christian Academy, Mt. Carmel Christian Academy, Massanutten Military Academy, Powhatan, Randolph Macon Academy, Royal Christian Academy, Shenandoah Valley Academy, Stanley Seven Day Adventist, Valley Baptist Christian School, Valley Road Christian School, and Wakefield.

PUBLIC VOCATIONAL - TECHNICAL SCHOOLS SERVING SECONDARY AND ADULT EDUCATION NEEDS:

Dowell J. Howard Vocational Center, Winchester

Warren County Vocational Technical Center, Front Royal

Triplett Business & Technical Institute, Mt. Jackson

HIGHER EDUCATION - NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY

Christendom College, Front Royal, Private 4 year
Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, Public 2 year
Shenandoah University, Winchester, Private 4 year

- within a 30 mile radius:

Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, Public 2 year
Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Private 4 year
Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Private 4 year
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Public 4 year
Northern Virginia Community College, Manassas, Public 2 year
Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, Public 4 year

- within a 75 mile radius:

American University, Washington, D.C., Public, 4 year
George Mason University, Fairfax, Public, 4 year
Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Private, 4 year
George Washington, Washington, D.C., Private, 4 year
Howard University, Washington, D.C., Private, 4 year
Marymount College of Virginia, Arlington, Private, 4 year
Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Private, 4 year
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Public, 4 year
Virginia Tech/University of Virginia Northern Virginia Regional Center, Falls Church
Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Public, 4 year

LIBRARIES:

*Handley Regional Library and Bowman Library serves the Counties of Clarke, Frederick, as well as the City of Winchester.

*The Clarke County Library, a branch of Handley Regional Library.

*Samuels Public Library, Front Royal.

*The Page County Public Library, Luray.

*The Town of Shenandoah Library.

*Rockingham Regional Library, Harrisonburg, serves the County and lends books to Page County

*Shenandoah County has five community libraries and a County Library.

*Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown

*Shenandoah University, Winchester.

The innovative Northern Shenandoah Valley Library Network links the collections of Shenandoah University, Lord Fairfax Community College, Samuels Public Library and Warren County High School.

OTHER WORKER EDUCATION

Virginia Industrial Training. Virginia Department of Economic Development offers recruitment and training assistance for both new industries and for existing industry expansion.

Tri-County OIC. Virginia pre-employment training and re-training, GED preparation.

Lord Fairfax Community College Center for Customized Training. Offers a variety of special courses such as TQM, SPC, management and supervision.

Northwestern Workshop, Winchester, provides training and re-training, rehabilitation and job skill development.

1996-1997	City of Winchester	Frederick County
Average Expenditure per pupil	\$4,321	\$5,510
Drop Out Rate	7.04%	3.0%

CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS

ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 700 Aylor Road,
Stephens City, Virginia --- 869-7442

APPLETREE CLUB HOUSE DAY CARE CENTER - Albin, Virginia --- 662-0041

BLUE RIDGE DAY CARE CENTER - 2 to 9 years, Trained Staff - Virginia Licensed - Route 7
West, Berryville --- 955-3994

BUSY BEES PRESCHOOL AND LEARNING CENTER – 156 Lambden Avenue,
Winchester --- 665-2803

CAROUSEL PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER - 5029 Main Street, Stephens City,
Virginia --- 869-7938

CHILDREN OF AMERICA – 631 W. Jubal Early Drive, Winchester --- 667-7003

FREMONT STREET NURSERY - Licensed - Ages 2-6 - Fremont Street,
Winchester --- 662-7237

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH - 6 weeks to 5 years - Route 50 West,
Winchester --- 662-6018

SHARON'S DAY CARE CENTER, INC. - Full Day Care - Preschool - Before & After School -
Degreed Preschool Teachers - Trained Staff - Virginia Licensed - 2 years-12 years - 1690
Senseny Road, Winchester---667-7002 and 416 National Avenue, Winchester---665-0925

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY CHILD CARE CENTER - 118 Regency Lake Drive,
Winchester --- 665-0991

TLC DAY CARE CENTER - 6 weeks to 12 years - Trained Staff - State Licensed - Christian
Atmosphere - 217 Weems Lane, Winchester --- 662-5399

THE TOT SPOT - 1488 Senseny Road, Winchester --- 662-9090 and
7710 North Main Street, Middletown --- 869-7600

WINCHESTER DAY NURSERY - Ages 2 1/2 to 8 years - Trained Staff and Virginia Licensed
- Sliding Scale Tuition Fees - Lincoln Street, Winchester --- 662-2629

MANUFACTURING

Industry Group	Establishments	Employees
Manufacturing (31-33)	84	4,675
Construction	308	2,729
Retail Trade (44 & 45)	154	1,905
Wholesale Trade	88	1,254
Admin., Support, Waste Mgmt, Remediation	97	1,231
Accommodation and Food Services	65	1,137
Health Care and Social Assistance	47	857
Transportation and Warehousing (48 & 49)	81	771
Public Administration	26	762
Other Services (except Public Admin.)	113	565
Professional, Scientific & Technical Svc	102	548
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	24	478
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10	453
Finance and Insurance	46	357
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	19	260
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	39	174
Utilities	3	151
Information	19	129
Mining	3	111
Education Services	Confidential	Confidential

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Covered Employment and Wages Program

LABOR FORCE

Labor force, Employment and Unemployment Statistics

Here is the labor force, employment and unemployment information for Frederick County. These figures are for the April, 2006 time period. These figures are not seasonally adjusted.

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Preliminary Data
Frederick County	39,404	38,482	922	2.3%	No
Virginia Statewide	3,998,848	3,873,363	125,485	3.1%	No
United States	150,209,000	143,405,000	6,804,000	4.5%	No

Source: LAUS Unit and Bureau of Labor Statistics

Average Weekly Wage Statistics

Here is a list of average weekly wage information for Frederick County. These figures are for the 3rd Quarter 2005

Area	Average Weekly Wage
Frederick County	\$673
Virginia Statewide	\$815
United States	\$777

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Covered Employment and Wages Program

RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION

Surrounded by the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley, the Winchester area has no shortage of state and national parks. The Northern entrance to the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway is only 20 miles south of Winchester. There are the famous Luray Caverns, Skyline Caverns and Endless Caverns to explore and small mouth bass fishing in the Shenandoah River. Available nearby are the facilities and natural attractions of Sky Meadows State Park, Shenandoah National Park and George Washington National Forest. Winchester - Frederick County enjoys the best of a rural environment and a city atmosphere. The Blue Ridge Mountains, from Maine-to-Georgia, Appalachian Trail, Shenandoah River and its valley offer legendary outdoor activities. All of the cultural activities of the nation's capital are within easy driving range.

FREDERICK COUNTY

A comprehensive recreation program offers activities for the entire family, which include tours, camping trips, bikes and theater. The seven Frederick County Parks vary in facilities. Sports activities include fishing tournaments, golf, soccer, tennis and track. Skills may be developed in such varied fields as karate, gymnastics, calligraphy or flower arranging. For more information or to make picnic shelter reservations call 665-5675.

WINCHESTER

With over 10 parks, Winchester can boast that there is some activity for everyone in the city park system. Over 600 acres of public facilities include lighted ballfields, indoor and outdoor swimming, fishing, lighted tennis courts, volleyball, horseshoes, picnic shelters and even an amphitheater. The largest area park, Jim Barnett Park, includes a lake and a facility for meetings, private parties, handball-racquetball court, fitness room and indoor pool. Winchester Parks and Recreation department offers classes, sports programs and senior adult activities. For more information about any of the programs offered call 662-4946. Winchester is the home of the Apple Blossom Festival, a major event held in May of each year.

RECREATION FACILITIES

	<u>Clarke</u>	<u>Winchester/ Frederick</u>	<u>Front Royal/ Warren</u>
Amateur Theater	1	2	1
Ball Fields	5	20	15
Basketball Courts	1	9	8
Boat Landing	-	1	2
Bowling	-	1	1
Golf Courses	2	4	3
Health Clubs	-	5	1
Movie Theaters	-	13	-
Roller Skating Rinks	1	2	-
Summer Theater	-	1	-
Tennis Courts	6	10	11
Soccer Fields	3	11	4
Swimming Pools	1	6	3
Summer Festivals/Music	1	4	3
Jogging Trails	1	2	2

Golf/Country Clubs

Bowling Green Country Club
 Bryce Resort Golf Club
 Carpers Valley Golf Club
 Luray Caverns Country Club
 Front Royal Country Club
 Golf Links at Shenandoah Retreat
 Millwood Country Club
 Shenandoah Valley Golf Club
 Shenvalee Golf Club
 Summit Golf Club
 Winchester Golf Club
 Rock Harbor Golf Club

Caverns

Endless Caverns
 Luray Caverns
 Shenandoah Cavern
 Skyline Caverns

National/Regional Attractions

Appalachian Trail
 Blandy Farm State Arboretum
 George Washington National Forest
 Luray Singing Tower Carillon
 Northern Virginia 4-H Center
 Shenandoah National Park
 Shenandoah River
 Skyline Drive
 Sky Meadows State Park

Sporting Facilities

Bryce Mountain Ski Resort
 Charles Town Race Track
 Lake Arrowhead
 Lake Frederick
 Shenandoah River Outfitters
 Summit Point Raceway
 Winchester Speedway

The extensive network of Interstate highways accommodates easy travel to the nation's capitol and Virginia's beaches and tourist attractions in Tidewater and Virginia's other historical areas.

A Model Railroad Club and Civil Air Patrol Squadron provide outlets for hobbyists and enthusiasts.

Private fitness clubs complement the public facilities with workout rooms, organized health and exercise programs, and indoor racquet sport courts.

HISTORY

An active Historical Society operates Washington's Office, Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters and Abrams' Delight museums. Belle Grove provides a living example of a large Shenandoah Valley style of plantation, and offers crafts programs and exhibits. A Civil War Roundtable (at Shenandoah University) offers numerous programs to members and an annual reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek (at Belle Grove) draws 50,000 people. A display, "Shenandoah; Crossroads of the Civil War" established in the Kurtz Center with US National Park Service funding, will become the nucleus of a larger interpretive facility of the city's Civil War history, which included four major battles for control of the key crossroads of the Shenandoah, and saw Winchester change hands more than 70 times. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at (540)-662-4118, or Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society at (540)-662-6550.

HISTORIC SITES

Abrams Delight - Hollingsworth House
Belle Grove
Belle Boyd Cottage
Burwell-Morgan Mill
Catherine Furnace
Cedar Creek Battlefield
Front Royal Historic District
Gardens and Glass Glen Burnie Museum
George Washington's Headquarters
Glen Burnie Manor House
National Cemetery of Winchester
New Market Battlefield
New Market Historic District
Mt. Hebron Cemetery
Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters
Strasburg Historic District
Third Winchester Battlefield
Warren Rifles Confederate Museum
Winchester Historic District

THE ARTS

The Beaux Arts. The Blue Ridge Fine Arts League, Inc. offers lectures, tours, concerts, and exhibits including several co-sponsored with the Virginia museum of Fine Arts. The Shenandoah Arts Council supports area art and artists of over 40 organizations and myriad of events. The Kurtz Cultural Center was constructed (1992) with museum standard atmosphere controls, which enhance the Center's ability to accommodate art exhibits of a variety of media.

The Performing Arts. The Shenandoah University Conservatory presents over 400 performances each year of music, drama and theater. The Wayside Inn offers professional theater and the Winchester Little Theater amateur performances. The Shenandoah Summer Music Theater and the Bluemont Concert Series extends the performing arts "season" to year round. Winchester Musica Viva Chamber Choir presents a variety of programs.

The Art of Dance. The Vostrikov Academy of Ballet established the Virginia Youth Ballet, which has become a magnet for talented aspirants. Mr. Vostrikov, formerly with the Moiseiev Ballet, defected from the former Soviet Union while on tour in Canada.

Arts and Letters. The Handley Regional Library, Smith Library of Shenandoah University and the library of the Lord Fairfax Community College (all open to public) have among them over 254,000 volumes. CD-ROM and on-line services are included. Virginia's VLIN (Virginia Library and Information Network) enables patrons to access the bibliographic files of all Virginia's libraries on-line and receive books by inter-library loan. VLIN also provides access to Internet. The Handley Library includes a popular Archives Department with materials from the 1700's. The Handley Library, in a beautiful building designed in Beaux Arts architectural style, was a bequest of Judge John Handley worth (in 1993 dollars) \$20 million. The Shenandoah Valley Writers Guild of published and aspiring authors a year-round program of conferences and lectures.

The Decorative Arts. A more recent bequest, by Julian Wood Glass, Jr., in 1992, will turn the 200 acre Glen Burnie, home of Col. James Wood, City founder, into a museum to house the family's extensive collection of English art, furniture and furnishings being gathered from around the world. Other decorative arts include exhibits of quilts and quilting, for example, in the Kurtz Cultural Center.

The Culinary Arts. The area offers gastronomes something for every purse and palette; from European elegance at the Auberge Provencale to hot dogs from the cart in Old Town.

Botanical Arts. The Orland E. White Arboretum, the nearby State Arboretum and its active Friends program, anchors activities of the Winchester Garden Club. Glen Burnie, with its 200 plus acres of gardens, will add another dimension to the area's horticultural attractions.

Artists and Artisans. Many artists and artisans live and work in the Historic Downtown Mall area. They occupy studios on the upper floor of the buildings, helping sustain a lively artistic environment along the pedestrian mall. Their shops feature locally made pottery, silver, jewelry, baskets, quilts, oils and other media.

Architectural Arts. Two walking tours offer visits to the architectural attractions of Winchester, which are numerous and varied. The Preservation of Historic Winchester exists “for the purpose of safeguarding the heritage of the city and assuring a quality of life for tomorrow represented by the best of Winchester’s architectural past.” PHW, through its Jennings Revolving Fund, has purchased and resold for restoration 63 buildings since 1976; a large number for a City this size. PHW received the Virginia Downtown Development Association Award of Merit for the architectural refurbishing of the Kurtz Center, which serves as Cultural Center and Visitor Center for Historic Downtown. The Stone Soup Gallery, one of the restored artisan establishments on the pedestrian mall, won an award from the same group for its restoration, which “gave evidence of community commitment to the use of Winchester’s Heritage to make downtown a lively, interesting place to visit.”

Industrial Arts. Area industries exhibit their products in periodic displays at the Kurtz Cultural Center as an extension of community business education.

COMMUNICATION

Newspapers:

Daily - State & Local

Daily News Record, Harrisonburg
Northern Virginia Daily, Strasburg
The Richmond Times Dispatch
The Washington Post
The Winchester Star

Weekly - Local

Clarke Courier, Berryville
Front Royal News, Front Royal
Page News and Courier, Luray
Shenandoah Valley Herald, Woodstock
The Free Press, Woodstock

National

The Wall Street Journal
USA Today

Monthly - Regional

North Valley Business Journal, Winchester

Radio Stations:

WAPP (FM) 105.5 Lite 105, Berryville
WAMM (AM) 1230, Woodstock
WAZR (FM) 95.5, Woodstock
WESI (FM) 104.9 Strasburg
WFQX (FM) 99.3, Strasburg
WFTR (FM) 95.3, (AM) 1450, Winchester
WINC (FM) 92.5, (AM) 1400, Winchester
WLCC (FM) 105.7, Luray

WQAA (FM) 103.9, Luray
WSIG (FM) 96.9, (AM) 790, Mt. Jackson
WTRM (FM) 91.5, Winchester
WRAA (AM) 1300, Luray
WUSQ (FM) 102.5, (AM) 610, Winchester
WVAI (AM) 610, Winchester
WVEP (FM) 88.9, Martinsburg, W. Virginia
WXVA (FM) 98.3, Charles Town, W. Virginia

Television Stations:

WAZT/Inc., Woodstock
WBAL/CBS, Baltimore
WBFF/FOX, Baltimore
WDCA/Inc., Washington
WETA/PBS, Washington

WHAG/NBC, Hagerstown
WHSV/ABC, Harrisonburg
WJLA/ABC, Washington
WJZ/Ind., Baltimore
WMAR/NBC, Baltimore

WRC/NBC, Washington
WTTG/FOX, Washington
WUSA/CBS, Washington
WVPT/PBS, Harrisonburg

Cable TV Service: Adelphia - Front Royal, Winchester, Stephens City, Berryville, Page County (Adelphia Cable supplies the region with 37 TV channels, plus HBO, etc. Nine channels (including the major networks) can be received without cable installation); C-4 Media Cable Co. and Shenandoah Cable Television Co. - Shenandoah Co. Direct TV is also an option.

Telecommunications: Verizon provides local service. Service includes full ISDN, AT&T #5 digital switching, and all fiber optic interoffice trunks. Several other companies are now providing dial tone service, including CFW/Intelos Long distance is available through six interexchange carriers: Southern Net/Telecom U.S.A., Long Distance Service Inc., U.S. Sprint, Metromedia Communications Corp., MCI, AT&T, and Blue Ridge Telephone. Valley Net provides optic fiber transmission along the Interstate 81 corridor into Pennsylvania and Tennessee. Cellular service is provided by Shenandoah Cellular and Cellular One, Sprint, Cingular, and Nextel. Western Union telegraph, money gram, and money transfer services are also available.

Postal Services: Fully automated 9 digit zip OCR postal facility. Nightly dispatch to destinations.